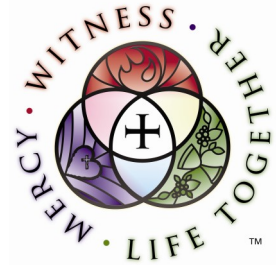




# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHAPEL & UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER CHAPEL NEWS

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HERE AT LMC

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 3	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday Divine Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Chief Service	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 9	Easter Vigil at Sunrise Easter Divine Service	5:55 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 10	Easter Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11	Easter Tuesday Service	6:30 p.m.

Both services on Easter morning include the Lord's Supper. Easter Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Day. No Sunday School or Adult Study on Easter Day.

## AN EXPLANATION OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES

During Lent we prepare to observe our Lord's death and celebrate His resurrection. It is a time of spiritual discipline as we contemplate His sacrifice on the cross. We repent of our sin and seek to grow in the faith. The season and its midweek services are moving to a crescendo. They are moving towards Holy Week. During Holy Week we will focus with renewed intensity on the death of Christ for us.

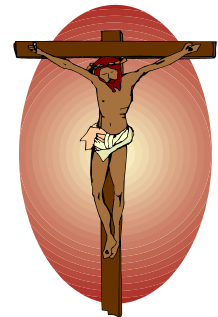
Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. Following a tradition that began in the fourth century A.D. in Jerusalem, we will process into the church

bearing palms as we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem in the week of His passion. Palm Sunday is also called the "Sunday of the Passion" since on that day we will read the passion account of our Lord. This will provide a "roadmap" of the events we will be observing in the coming week.

Holy Week provides us with the high point of the Christian year. The high point of Holy Week itself is the Triduum. Triduum means "three days." It refers to the last three days before Easter Sunday: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter on

## SERVING US

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*  
Jason Lane & Brian German,  
*Assisting Pastors*  
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*  
Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*  
Julie Wohlrabe, *iO Director*  
Anna Young, *USC Coordinator*



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Holy Saturday. The services that occur on these days are in fact considered to be one service that takes place over the course of three days.

**Maundy Thursday** derives its name from the Latin word for “commandment,” or *mandatum*. This word is a reference to our Lord’s statement at the Last Supper, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you” (John 13:34). At this service we will again contemplate Christ’s gift of the Sacrament of the Altar, which He instituted at the Last Supper. We are reminded that through this miraculous meal our Lord gives us the benefits of Good Friday.

The service consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament and the Stripping of the Altar. The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Triduum. The Service of the Word focuses on Christ’s humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples’ feet. This servanthood was enacted on the cross, and its benefits are bestowed in the Lord’s Supper. The Divine Service

culminates with the Lord’s ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ’s servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church’s observance of Jesus’ death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ’s Passover as she passes from death to life and from captivity to freedom. The Divine Service does not conclude with a Benediction, since the service of the Triduum continues the next day.

**On Good Friday** we pause and consider our Lord’s death on the cross in the Chief Service. Crucified between two criminals, He took our sins upon Himself and died in our place. The darkness and earthquake that accompanied that event (Matt. 27:45, 51) demonstrate the cosmic significance of Christ’s death as part of God’s end-time action. The Good Friday service includes the Bidding Prayer (a prayer in which the topics for prayer are introduced and then the prayer itself is offered), which is one of the most ancient prayers in the liturgy of the Western Church. It also contains the Reproaches, are the words of the Lord directed against His people, the Church. To this the congregation responds with a plea for mercy. The Passion

of Our Lord according to St. John is read. Although there are some differing opinions, “the distribution of the fruits of His death in the Sacrament of His true body and blood is a quite appropriate way to proclaim and remember Him” (*LSB Altar Book*).

The **Vigil of Easter** on Holy Saturday (which service LMC observes early on Easter morning) is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and of our Baptism. The Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday marks the final service of the Triduum – the three-day service that leads up to Easter Sunday. The Vigil of Easter falls into six parts. In the Service of Light, the Paschal Candle is lit and processes into the nave of the darkened church. Individual candles are then lit from the Paschal Candle. The light that pierces the darkness and emanates out among the people represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ that has pierced the darkness of death and brought the hope of resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

In the Service of Readings we hear recounted God’s saving acts in the Old Testament that prefigured and pointed forward to Christ’s great victory that He shares with us through Holy Baptism. In the Service of the Sacrament the risen Lord comes to us in His true body

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and blood as He gives us a share in His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins.

Then on **Easter Sunday** we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. After observing His death for us and the means through which Christ gives us a share in that death, we rejoice in His resurrection from the dead and celebrate the fact that through His res-

urrection we have the assurance that He will raise us up on the Last Day.

Sometimes Christians want to focus on Easter and ignore those services leading up to Easter Sunday. However, *we are only prepared to celebrate our Lord's resurrection if we have walked the way that led to Easter Sunday.* Congregation members are encouraged to view the Triduum –

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Vigil – as one service and attend it accordingly. The services on these three days will deepen our appreciation of our Lord's sacrifice during Holy Week and will strengthen us in the faith. Then, after observing these great events of the Great Week, we will celebrate the victory of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

—Pastor Larson

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## LAUDAMUS FROM ST. LOUIS VISITED LMC MARCH 21, 2023



*Laudamus*, a touring choral group from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, enhanced the worship at our Midweek Lenten Vespers on Tuesday, March 21. The service was attended by 158 people, both members and guests. The service was preceded by a meal in the Parish Hall.

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC *HOPE, PATIENCE, PRAYER*

JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

### *IN CHRIST GOD'S PROMISES ARE YES:* A BOOK OF SERMONS BY PASTOR KENNETH WIETING

*In Christ God's Promises Are Yes*, a collection of sermons from Pastor Kenneth W. Wieting, is now available!

Rev. Kenneth Wieting served Luther Memorial Chapel from 1990 to 2017 and wrote *The Blessings of Weekly Communion* (CPH 2006), *Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper* (CPH 2016), along with many other articles in Lutheran journals and periodicals. Besides being a dedicated husband and father, Pastor Wieting is a beloved teacher in our church body, and a friend and mentor of so many.

The sermons in this volume are organized according to the historic one-year lectionary, meaning that they can be enjoyed as a devotional resource alongside what is regularly heard and received on the Lord's Day at Luther Memorial Chapel.

Pastor Wieting's sermons preach Law and Gospel, and emphasize the presence of the Risen Christ among us in Word and Sacrament, where He bestows the treasures of salvation upon His gathered guests.

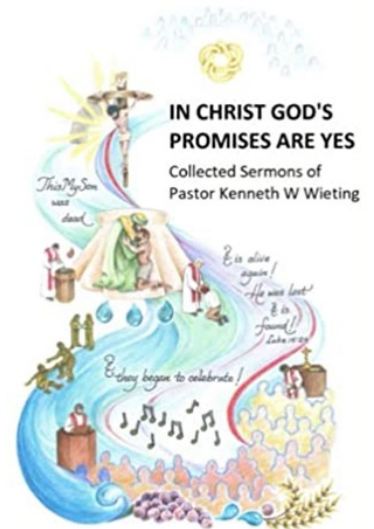
I am thankful for Kathryn Hill and Carl Swanson for their editing along the way, Rev. Dr. Jason Lane for a very fitting introduction to this volume, Barbara Wieting for her wonderful artwork, and to Latif Gaba for bringing it all together and seeing it through to the end.

Most of all, we give thanks for Pastor Wieting's ministry among us, and his willingness to let us make these sermons available.

I pray these sermons will be a blessing to you! In Christ God's promises are Yes! (2 Cor. 1:20)

The book may be purchased from Amazon.com:

<https://www.amazon.com/Christ-Gods-Promises-are-Yes/dp/B0BYM483R7>



—Pastor Larson



## EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER THE LARGE CATECHISM ON THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: PART 3



Thus we have briefly the first point which relates to the essence of this Sacrament. Now examine further the efficacy and benefits on account of which really the

Sacrament was instituted; which is also its most necessary part, that we may know what we should seek and obtain there. Now this is plain and clear from the words just mentioned: This is My body and blood, given and shed FOR YOU, for the remission of sins. Briefly that is as much as to say: For this reason we go to the Sacrament, because there we receive such a treasure by and in which we obtain forgiveness of sins. Why so? Because the words stand here and give us this; for on this account He bids me eat and drink, that it may be my own and may benefit me, as a sure pledge and token, yea, the very same treasure that is appointed for me against my sins, death, and every calamity.

On this account it is indeed called a food of souls, which nourishes and strengthens the new man. For by Baptism we are first born anew; but (as we said before) there still remains, besides, the old vicious nature of flesh and blood in man, and there are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and of the world that we often become weary and faint, and sometimes also stumble.

Therefore it is given for a daily pasture and sustenance, that faith may refresh and strengthen itself

so as not to fall back in such a battle, but become ever stronger and stronger. For the new life must be so regulated that it continually increase and progress, but it must suffer much opposition. For the devil is such a furious enemy that when he sees that we oppose him and attack the old man, and that he cannot topple us over by force, he prowls and moves about on all sides, tries all devices, and does not desist until he finally wearies us, so that we either renounce our faith or yield hands and feet and become listless or impatient. Now to this end the consolation is here given when the heart feels that the burden is becoming too heavy, that it may here obtain new power and refreshment.

But here our wise spirits contort themselves with their great art and wisdom, crying out and bawling: How can bread and wine forgive sins or strengthen faith? Although they hear and know that we do not say this of bread and wine, because in itself bread is bread, but of such bread and wine as is the body and blood of Christ, and has the words attached to it. That, we say, is verily the treasure, and nothing else, through which such forgiveness is obtained. Now the only way in which it is conveyed and appropriated to us is in the words (Given and shed for you). For herein you have both truths, that it is the body and blood of Christ, and that it is yours as a treasure and gift. Now the body of Christ can never be an unfruitful, vain thing, that effects or profits nothing. Yet however great is the treasure in itself, it must be comprehended in the Word and administered to us, else we should never be able to know or seek it.

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>
John Kretsch	April
Suzanne Witas	April
Craig Sproat	April 1
David Peterson	April 3
Jack Stevens	April 3
Calvin Fitzgerald	April 4
Connor Fitzgerald	April 4
Elizabeth Carlton	April 5
Angela Penterman	April 5
Scott Rebholz	April 5
Ruth Gaba	April 9
Carolyn Abram	April 11
Mary Viets	April 12
David Kretsch	April 13
Adam Scott	April 15
Charles Demarest	April 16
Mary-Ellen Demarest	April 17
Karmen Olsen	April 19
Lena Larson	April 22
Aaron Viets	April 22
Deirdre Christiansen	April 26
Rev. Michael Larson	April 26
Aleksandra Gurneau	April 28
Torsten Siegmann	April 28

**NEW MEMBER** received Feb. 19, 2023:  
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### TRANSFERRED MEMBERS

*To St. John Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI, on March 9, 2023:*  
 Joel Vojta

*To St. Paul's EV Lutheran Church, Brown Deer, WI, on March 13, 2023:*  
 Peter & Ann Gurneau

*To Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI, on March 13, 2023:*  
 Karen Hagedorn, Kathy Knutsen

*To Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO, on March 20, 2023:*  
 Eric & Bonnie Pool & son James

## NEXT BOOK STUDY

We will gather to study *That Hideous Strength* by C. S. Lewis on Saturday, April 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

This past fall and winter we had a look at the first two books in the Ransom Trilogy, *Out of the Silent Planet* and *Perelandra*.

We will discuss the completion of the trilogy with special guest Rev. Dr. Gregory Schulz, Professor of Philosophy. Lewis called this book "a modern fairy-tale for grown ups," and it deals with many themes that he first introduced in an essay titled "The Abolition of Man," such as moral relativism and the abandonment of natural law. Christian marriage and the proper relationship between the sexes is also at the center of the story, along with many other Christian themes.

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN APRIL

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Apr. 2	Palm Sunday	LSB 430	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalm 22	Phil 2:5-11	Matt. 26:1-27:66
Apr. 9	Resurrection of Our Lord	LSB 458	Job 19:23-27	Psalm 118	1 Cor. 5:6-8	Mark 16:1-8
Apr. 16	2nd Sun. of Easter	LSB 471	Ezek. 37:1-14	Psalm 81	1 John 5:4-10	John 20:19-31
Apr. 23	3rd Sun. of Easter	LSB 709	Ezek. 34:11-16	Psalm 33	1 Pet. 2:21-25	John 10:11-16
Apr. 30	4th Sun. of Easter	LSB 666	Is. 40:25-31	Psalm 111	1 Pet. 2:11-20	John 16:16-22

## APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:00am Palm Sunday Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Swanson & Bender 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 5:00pm iO Friendship Potluck Dinner	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Elders	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Good Friday Chief Service	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 5:55am Easter Vigil at Sunrise 7:30am Easter Breakfast by Youth Group 9:00am Easter Day Divine Service	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Easter Tuesday Service	<b>12</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>13</b> 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Gaba & Reiter 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>20</b> 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Paterson & Demarest 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church Council	<b>26</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>27</b> 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am Book Club: That Hideous Strength by C. S. Lewis
<b>30</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Cox & Goulee 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>1 MAY</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>2 MAY</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3 MAY</b> 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Elders	<b>4 MAY</b> 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	<b>5 MAY</b>	<b>6 MAY</b>